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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Rita J. DESAI

Serial No.: 09/889,227

Group Art Unit: 1625

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Title: ω -CARBOXYARYL SUBSTITUTED DIPHENYL UREAS AS RAF KINASE INHIBITORS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 31, 2002, Applicant's hereby elect with traverse Group IV (claims 1-67 in part), drawn to compounds, pharmaceutical compositions and method of treating using compounds of Formula I, wherein A is L-M-L', wherein M is oxygen or sulphur, L is phenyl and L' is phenyl, pyridinyl or pyrimidinyl, and B is phenyl, substituted at least by a tert-butyl group or a trifluoromethyl group. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement in that the subject matter of Groups I-XV do have corresponding special technical features due to their common structural core, a urea function group with the group -L-M-L' bonded thereto and a substituent from a selected limited group consisting of SO₂X₂, CO(R_x) and C(NR_y)R_x, bonded to L'.

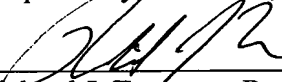
In addition, Applicants submit it would not be an undue burden to examine the full scope of the subject matter claimed in that all groups were searched and examined by the U.S. Patent Office in the International Application. The complete scope of these claims should be searched and examined at the national phase.

Furthermore, examination of most of the subject matter within the scope of claims 1-67 has continued in the following applications following a restriction requirement in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/425,228, filed October 22, 1999,

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/948,915;
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/773,675;
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/773,659;
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/773,604;
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/773,658; and
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/773,672.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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